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One of the anomalies of the law was illustrated at the present term of court. An old man was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500. for selling liquor and a young man fined \$250. for shooting another. Is the inference to be drawn that in the eyes of the law it is a greater offense to tank up a fellow on illicit liquor than it is to pump lead into him?

THE COMING CAMPAIGN.

It seems to be generally conceded that the dispensary will be one of the leading issues in the campaign this summer. So far as Lancaster as a county is concerned the liquor question has been settled, for the present at least, but its citizens, in common with those of the other counties, will be expected to indicate by their ballots for candidates for the legislature what their preference may be as to a general state policy for the regulation of the liquor traffic. There will, of course, be other questions of more or less general interest discussed before the people.

But it is not our purpose to refer specifically to any of them just now. At this early stage all we desire to do is to caution the people against any attempt that may be made this year to revive factional feeling and prejudice. In at least one county in the state a movement has already been started to divide the people as they were divided some years ago. The old cry of "Reformers" on the one hand and "Conservatives" or "anti-Tillmanites" on the other has been raised, and every effort will be made to bring about the old alignment.

We sincerely trust that no effort of the kind will be made in Lancaster county, and if so, that it will meet with the signal failure that it deserves. There is no reason whatever why there should be a division among our people along old lines. If there is to be any division at all, let it be on measures and not on men altogether. Let there be a full and free discussion by candidates for public office of all issues in which the people are interested, but allow no aspirant for your

sufrage to inflame your passion or bias your judgment by appeals to prejudice for or against any particular individual, be he Mr. Tillman or Mr. Anybody else.

WATER WORKS AND ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

The News appreciates the kindly words about its work for Lancaster by its esteemed contemporary, the Kershaw Era, published elsewhere. The suggestion as to starting a movement for water works and electric lights is a good one. We had already been thinking about the matter, but concluded that it would not be the part of wisdom to agitate too many public improvements at one time. Besides, the community has scarcely had time to get over its disappointment at the failure of the effort made a year or two ago to secure water works and electric lights. It is the purpose of The News to advocate the establishment of both of these public utilities in due season.

THE MORO "SLAUGHTER."

A great hullabaloo has been raised by the press, the pulpit and members of Congress over the recent killing of several hundred Moros, in the Philippines, by United States troops. Among the killed were a number of women and children—hence the howl in this country. The killing is to be greatly regretted, of course, but according to authentic reports now being received it was an unfortunate necessity.

The women, it appears, were dressed as men, and could not, therefore, be distinguished from the latter by our soldiers. They were in the ranks fighting side by side with male Moros. And the children were used as shields by the men. It was impossible, from the very nature of things, for the American soldiers to so regulate their fire as to avoid killing the women and children.

The soldiers of this country are not brutes, neither are they wilful murderers, and when the news was sent broadcast throughout the world that they had ruthlessly slaughtered innocent women and children the report carried with it a strong degree of improbability.

In the first place, the Moros killed were notorious outlaws—men who not only defied the authority of this country but that of their own as well. The Governor General at Manila characterizes them as a "gang of cut throats who were preying upon the community," and he says that the Filipino public highly approves of the action of the Americans.

Railroad Man Accidentally Killed in Monroe.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Monroe, March 21.—Frank Smith, a white man employed in the local yards of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, was run down and instantly killed at 5 o'clock this afternoon by a shifting engine. Portions of his body were horribly mangled and death must have been instantaneous. Smith was engaged in his work about the yards, shoveling clinkers from the tracks.

The Efforts of The News to Secure Certain Improvements for Lancaster.

From the Kershaw Era.

Editor Connors of the Lancaster News has been making strenuous efforts recently in the direction of securing improvement in his town in keeping with Lancaster progress and for the accommodation of her citizens. As a result of his labor the improvements are taking place.

We note that the Southern will have to build a new depot, the express office has been moved up town and a special agent of the postoffice department has been there inspecting postoffice conditions.

We mildly suggest to Brother Connors to train his guns for water supply and better lighted streets while things are coming his way, and if he can succeed in influencing the securing of these two boons he will have done his town the very greatest benefaction for its onward march.

Court Proceedings.

Several Interesting Damage Suits Tried this Week.

The principal time of court in session here this week has been taken up in the trial of damage suits against corporations. More than one of interest has been heard. Among the first to attract attention was the case of John M. Yandle, of the Oseola section, against the Seaboard Air Line Railroad company for damages for searching his premises without a warrant for stolen goods. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$500.

The Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance company and the Lancaster and Chester Railroad company obtained a verdict against the Southern Railroad company for \$2,083.78. The suit was to reimburse plaintiffs for fire losses paid—the burning of a lot of cotton at the depot a year or two ago, the plaintiff's claiming that the fire was caused by one of the Southern's engines.

Another interesting trial was that of the case of Joseph H. Fields, of Winnsboro, against the Lancaster Cotton Mills and C. B. Skipper for damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of a "ducking" the plaintiff got some time last year in the company's reservoir. The jury rendered a verdict against the company for \$800.

The next case tried was that of R. W. Doster, of the Pleasant Valley section, against the Western Union Telegraph company, damages claimed for delay in delivery of a message notifying plaintiff of the death of his grandchild in Monroe. The verdict was for \$250.

Another damage suit, that of W. D. Trent against the Southern Power Company, for injury sustained to hand while at work at Catawba Falls, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$300.

The juries were discharged yesterday morning, and the remainder of the day was devoted to the hearing equity of causes.

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How is everything? My family is well, I am well—in fact everything is in good order, and the country more prosperous than I ever experienced before. I think we are going to have a good crop, and if we do there will be some money made and a good portion of it profit. Prices are looking upward and I see no reason why they shouldn't hold.

Say, did you hear Harvy Jordan's talk?

Yes, and if it is like he says it is, we will have the bank people counting a few of our 10, 20 and 100 dollar bills this fall. Well, I am going to plant corn enough to feed my hogs, horses and myself and hold my cotton until the price comes to my figures. I raised my meat this year and I won't have much to buy outside of what I have already bought. I have a good supply of Flour and it's sure fine. I bought from Edwards.

What is the name of it? Magnolia—\$2.30 sack.

Well, I better go and buy me a load before it advances. He handles everything that you need on the farm, Sugar, Coffee, Flour, all kinds Groceries, Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, all kinds of Notions, Harness, Whips, etc. When you go to town always call and see him. Leave your whips, laprobes, and all your bundles in his care. It always gives him pleasure to take care of them for you. Without a doubt he's a farmer's friend.

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